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SUBJECT: IAEA 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE: SOVIET
VIEWS ON DRAFT STATEMENT BY DG

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1. IN COURSE OF INFORMAL MEETING WITH US MISOFFS
9/4, SOVIET MISOFFS RAISED SUBJECT OF DRAFT OF DG.
EKLUND'S SPEECH TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE. WHILE,
AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED, SOVIETS EXPRESSED STRONG
DISSATISFACTION WITH DG PLACING ON DEPUTITARY POWERS
THE ONUS FOR LACK OF PROGRESS IN WIDER ACCEPTANCE OF
NPT, SECTION OF SPEECH WHICH THEY ZEROED IN ON FOR
DISCUSSION WAS STATEMENT RE SAFEGUARDS (PARA 9 REFTEL)
THAT "TIME MAY HAVE COME TO DEFINE MORE PRECISELY TECHNICAL
SCOPE AND PROCEDURES FOR NON-NPT SYSTEM."

2. SOVIETS READ THIS AS "STRAW IN THE WIND" WHICH COULD
LEAD TO RECONVENING OF SAFEGUARDS COMMITTEE AND NEW
DISCUSSIONS AIMED AT COMPREHENSIVE REVISION OF INFIRC/66. IN THEIR
VIEW, THIS WAS UNNECESSARY AND UNDESIRABLE. THEIR FEELING
WAS THAT ALL FUTURE SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENTS, WHETHER WITH
NPT PARTIES OR NOT, SHOULD CONFORM TO PROVISIONS OF
INFIRC/153.

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3. WE REPLIED THAT WE SHARED THEIR CONCERNS REGARDING

RECONVENING SAFEGUARDS COMMITTEE, BUT DOUBTED THAT WAS DG'S INTENT, SINCE THRUST OF DG'S REMARKS WAS DIRECTED AT TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF INFIRC/66; THAT WE HAD SERIOUS RESERVATIONS CONCERNING POSSIBLE POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES OF ATTEMPTING AT THIS TIME TO "GIVE BENEFIT" OF INFIRC/153 TO NON-NPT PARTIES; THAT IN LINE WITH DG'S REMARKS, A FIRST STEP TOWARD IMPROVING SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM MIGHT BE A MEETING OF CONSULTANTS CALLED FOR PURPOSE OF EXAMINING CURRENT TECHNICAL PRACTICES IN IMPLEMENTATION OF INFIRC/66. OTHER STEPS IN STRENGTHENING NON-NPT SYSTEM MIGHT APPROPRIATELY BE CONSIDERED BY NEW EXPORTERS GROUP, INCLUDING USSR AND OTHERS WHICH EXCHANGE NOTES ON COMMON EXPORT PROCEDURES; SUCH GROUP IS EXPECTED TO BE LAUNCHED AFTER FINAL MEETING OF ZANGGER COMMITTEE FOLLOWING GEN CONF. WE SUGGESTED THAT AMBASSADORS TAPE AND MOROKHOV MIGHT DISCUSS THIS GENERAL SUBJECT FURTHER WHEN THEY MEET BEFORE SEPT 13 BOARD.PORTER

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